

Minutes of Board meeting of February 9, 2010

Board Members Present, Bill Cobham, President; Mollie Gadarowski; Vice President, Patricia Burgess, Mary Ann Dalton; Lisa Hartnett; Edna Stamp

Staff Present: Eileen Ginnetty, Patricia Johnson, Vincent McCarthy, Susan Pacheco and Emma Watkins.

Minutes from January 12 meeting were accepted as written.

COA Executive Director's Report; Eileen expressed her sympathy for our Haitian community in this time of grief and loss for their loved ones.

One of our volunteers had a severe injury from a fall at work. Red Crossing training is being explored for the staff.

Upcoming event on February 26: State Representative Alice Wolf is conducting a forum with special guest, Ann Hartsein, Secretary of Elder Affairs.

Black History has several events planned at the centers.

Our LGBT outreach dinner will be held on February 22 at North Cambridge Senior Center.

North Cambridge Senior Center: February 11 a luncheon trip to Greg's in Watertown is planned. On February 16 North Cambridge will have a presentation by a member of the Cambridge African American Heritage Trail celebrating Black History Month. On March 18 Cambridge Memories will hear Terry Romanoff review her very first book. On Thursday February 25 Chinese New Year Luncheon will be held. Starting in March running eight weeks Somerville-Cambridge Elder Service will hold "Matter of Balance". This class has been very successful in the past, and is offered again.

Client Services: Susan noted that on February 23 our Health & Wellness is on Managing Your Medications with Helen Gibbons.

On March 8 Cambridge Consumer Council staff will have a presentation of identity theft and scams. The Credit Card Act of 2009 –What you should know will also be discussed. We will be scheduling income tax assistance at the North Cambridge Senior Center on March 11 and March 25 by appointment. This service will be provided by VITA.

Citywide Senior Center: On February 1 we had a lecture on Geriatric Care Management with Dr. J Ellison of McLean Hospital. Our February party will be held on February 11 with entertainment—To The Max Entertainment.

On February 16 our Astronomy Lectures will continue with this month's topic, "The beginning of the Universe" and March's topic is "Dark Matter". Emma noted that there will be two film events to celebrate Women's Black History Month: The Delaney Sisters on March 2 and Einstein's Wife on March 30.

Emma is excited to note that funding donated through TUFTS Health Plan Foundation and sponsored by SCM Community Transportation community members can enjoy Door to Door Transportation to the theater, music, dance and museum events.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Johnson, Cambridge Council on Aging